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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
REGIONAL AFRICA

IPF: (1986-1991) \$226 070 000
(RAF/86/052) - Statistical Development Programme for Africa (SDPA)
(Supplementary Assistance)

Date of approval:	20 June 1990	
Expected duration:	15 months	
Proposed executing agency:	ECA	
Proposed UNDP contribution:	\$ 559 700	
Previous UNDP budget:	\$2 452 000	
Total UNDP budget:	\$3 011 700	Source of funds: IPF

Project background

From 1978 to 1987, UNDP financed three ECA executed regional projects in the areas of training, national accounts and household surveys. The three projects, all aimed at strengthening statistical systems in Africa, include Operational support to the improvement and expansion of the Statistical Training Programme for Africa (STPA) (RAF/78/017 and RAF/82/051), Assistance to Least Developed Countries (LDC's) and Newly Independent countries (NIC's) in national accounts (RAF/78/061), African Household Survey Capability Programme (AHSCP) Regional Component (RAF/78/016).

The terminal reports of these projects have indicated significant success in strengthening capabilities in each of the three areas. It became clear, however, that much remained to be done. To achieve greater impact and co-ordination, the three projects were merged under one umbrella project Statistical Development Programme for Africa (SDPA) (RAF/86/052), commencing with the Fourth Programming Cycle.

An in-depth technical evaluation of the SDPA project took place from 21 May - 20 June 1990 and a TPR meeting was held from 14-15 June 1990. Both the evaluation mission and the TPR meeting strongly recommended that additional funds be provided by UNDP to enable the successful implementation of the SDPA project up to the end of 1991, and that the project should continue through the UNDP Fifth Programming Cycle to contribute to the successful implementation of the Addis Ababa Plan of Action for Statistical Development in Africa in the 1990s.

At its June 1990 meeting, the Action Committee, in approving the extension of the project Data Collection related to Development Programmes and Aid Flows in Africa (RAF/86/058), decided that ECA should be responsible for one of its outputs, namely: Draft proposal for a UNDP-financed project to enhance statistical capacity in Africa. For the implementation of this decision, UNDP agreed to transfer this output to the project (RAF/86/052) Statistical Development Programme for Africa (SDPA).

Description of Project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) strengthen training facilities in the field of statistics and produce competent statistical personnel; (b) ensure the existence of more relevant, timely and reliable systems of basic economic statistics for planning, policy making and other purposes and the capability of statistical offices to maintain them; and (c) strengthen the capability of African countries to generate a continuing flow of integrated socio-economic data from household surveys for their development plans, policies and programme.

The project will continue to provide much needed advisory services to countries in the areas of training, national accounts and basic economic statistics, household surveys, and to a lesser extent, data base development. It will recommend a medium-to long-term strategy for strengthening statistical capacity at regional, subregional and national levels in the light of similar activities in other projects and by other agencies/donors; and will also prepare a proposal for a possible UNDP financed project during the Fifth Programming Cycle.

Inputs

UNDP will provide a statistical training adviser (nine work-months) for French/Portuguese speaking countries, a statistical training adviser/household survey specialist (nine work-months) for English speaking countries, a national accounts specialist (nine work-months) for French speaking countries, a survey specialist/chief technical adviser (nine work-months) for French speaking countries; administrative support; personnel, consultants (six work-months; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	430 700
Training	112 700
Equipment	3 900
Miscellaneous	12 400
Total	559 700
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